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REMARKS

On July 23, 2004, Applicant filed a reply to a non-final office action dated April 23, 2004. Applicant received a "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" dated October 4, 2004, indicating that each claim in the July 23, 2004 reply was not provided with a proper status identifier. In Applicant's July 23, 2004 reply, claim 8 was amended, and the parenthetical status identifier indicated that the claim was "Presently amended." Applicant telephoned the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 12, 2004, and Legal Instruments Examiner Ms. Tracie Robertson stated that the status identifier for claim 8 was the sole reason for the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment."

The above "Listing of Claims" remains unaltered from Applicant's July 23, 2004, reply except that the identifier for claim 8 has been changed to reflect that the claim is "Currently amended." Therefore, in Applicant's July 23, 2004 reply, claims 1, 5, 8, 21, 26, 28, and 32 are amended.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the present application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney, Daniel J. Goettle, at (215) 564-8974, to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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